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Small wire traps baited with Pay Day candy bar morsels enticed the squirrels in the UC. This single trap is still set and ready inside the UC's landscaping. Sarah Smith/Kaimin

Squirrels scurry for season shelter

UC has its fill
of furry rodents

Nate Schweber
Montana Kaimin

The University Center is being invaded by squirrels scurrying inside from the construction on the third floor. Aside from one bite and a stolen sandwich, the fuzzy critters haven't caused much trouble.

Roger Strobel, UC maintenance supervisor, said he's caught three of the furry rodents in live cages and transported them back outside. He's not sure if he got them all though.

"It's squirrel heaven inside the UC," Strobel said. "It's warm, they have water and they raid the trash cans for food."

Strobel said reports of rampant squirrels in the UC started filtering in his office in late January, just before students got back.

"Basically, they're getting in from the construction on the third floor," Strobel says. "They're building new entrance

ways and new windows, and until everything's finished the squirrels will still have spots they can get through."

Strobel said the squirrels have been harmless, mostly. He said one woman reported being bitten after she tried to feed one, but she never followed up on her report.

Strobel also said one of the construction workers lost a peanut butter and jelly sandwich one day.

UM Police added that they've fielded many calls reporting the squirrels in the UC.

Strobel said he has a responsibility to remove the squirrels because the UC serves food, and squirrels could be a health hazard. Still, it's not a very high priority.

"Other things are higher on the priority list than getting the UC a tight seal," Strobel said. "I think we have an obligation to help them out of the building, but as far as I know they're not a serious infector for disease."

Strobel added that on many occasions, UC workers have

shooed the squirrels outside.

"They're reluctant to go outside. The UC is a good haven for them," Strobel said. "If they have an opportunity to sneak by you, they will and run up a tree."

In the meantime, the squirrels have been providing entertainment for UC workers.

"I see them living in the big fig tree in the center of the UC," said Kycee Schilke, UC programming advisor. "I see them lying on top of the branches by the Junga Juice sound asleep with their legs dangling down under them."

Schilke said the squirrels really went nuts when the UC had its Christmas tree because not only did they have a place to stay, but people left food on the branches and underneath.

Strobel said the squirrels have a favorite nesting place just outside his office. There is a potted plant with lots of dry moss and the squirrels like to make it into a bed, he said.

Strobel said the squirrel

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Disability suit dumped,
ban remains in effect

Human Rights
Bureau finds in
favor of the UC
Market

Damian Ingleby
for the Kaimin

The feud between the UC Market and disabled student Thomas Staruch is apparently over, after a six-month investigation by the Montana Human Rights Bureau.

Staruch was banned from the UC last spring after repeated incidents with customers and staff. He filed a discrimination complaint with the Montana Human Rights Bureau, saying he was discriminated against because of his obsessive-compulsive disorder.

In its final investigative report, the bureau found that there was no probable cause for Staruch's claim of discrimination due to his disorder. The bureau also determined that the UC Market had the right as a private business, to deny Staruch access to the market.

The report was a result of a discrimination complaint filed by Staruch last September. It was then that he was banned from the market for 30 days for his alleged actions. According to market supervisor Brooke Corr, Staruch was supposed to contact her to meet to set up an agreement of some sort.

After 30 days Staruch returned to the market, but was asked to leave because

he had not met with Corr.

Market Manager Bryan Thornton sent Staruch a letter stating that he could only be in the Market for an hour a day.

It was then that Staruch filed the complaint with the Human Rights Bureau, claiming that the ban had nothing to do with his actions and everything to do with his disability.

Staruch may be familiar to many students as the man who stood outside the UC

Market and asked people to go in and buy coffee and hot chocolate for him.

Staruch said he had received a copy of the report, but that he didn't have the heart to read it all because he knew it was bad news.

According to the report, the market accused

Staruch of, among other things, verbally attacking customers and reacting defensively to comments he perceived as harmful.

Staruch said these accusations are really a matter of people misinterpreting the things that he does and says, and that he never intended to offend anyone.

Jim Marks, director of disabilities services, defended Staruch on this point. He stated in the report that "Staruch's behavior can be bizarre and intimidating to people who are not familiar with his condition."

No one interviewed for this story would say what Staruch is specifically accused of doing, but Staruch

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White lies and cow pies flying around UM's campus

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series the Kaimin is running this week on lying, cheating and stealing at UM.

Courtney Lowery
Montana Kaimin

If students are what they tell their teachers, UM students are full of ... cow pies.

"I had one student who was up all night with a sick cow,"

said history professor Harry Fritz. "His mother called me to excuse him."

Students give a wide variety of excuses, both legitimate and not so legitimate to get out of classes, exams, tests or even an entire course. Off campus, students are sneaking into bars and movie theaters without an ounce of conviction.

UM ethics professor Fred

McGlynn said college students seem to be prone to telling fibs, non-truths, falsehoods and fabrications because of the extreme stress college life hands them. He said he doesn't see lying or cheating as a problem at UM, but has had to deal with both in his 33 years as a professor.

"They tell lies because they haven't done the work,"

McGlynn said. "I think a lot of if just has to do with the tremendous pressure that is on students to succeed. That is a personal thing and a societal thing. No one can really tell where it comes from."

Paul Johnson, resource conservation junior, says he's basically an honest guy but pulls the occasional non-truth to get out of class.

"I make up all kinds of random shit," Johnson said. "I don't really have a normal excuse, it is just whatever comes to mind."

Fritz said he hears the most excuses when students are faced with finals and term papers.

"Technology is the most popular excuse right now," Fritz said. "That is the old, 'the dog

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OPINION

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John McCain

Help! Liberal journalist afflicted with McCain fever

Doc, you've got to help me. I think I'm going crazy. It's getting worse every day. I just don't know what to do anymore. It's keeping me up nights now, I'm sweating profusely, racking my brain for answers. I just can't hold it inside anymore. You, see I think I've got a crush on a 64-year-old white man from Arizona.

His name? It's John McCain, and he's been making me have impure thoughts. Frankly Doc, he's making me wonder ... now brace yourself ... if I might just vote Republican this fall.

Oh, the horror, I know! And the shame! Not to mention the hypocrisy! Please, tell me you can give me something to cure this heresy! I'll do anything! I'll read Al Gore's crappy book. I'll bang an intern and drink like a Kennedy. Please, I'll even get a Jesse Jackson tattoo if you think it will help!

I mean let's get real for a second: When is the last time this country offered up a decent Republican to choose from? Abe Lincoln?

If you think I'm bad, Doc, you should see some of my colleagues in the media lately. It's getting worse every minute. McCain is getting us into bed so fast, it's hard to tell if we're falling-down drunk on all his cool promises of campaign finance reform, or if we really just believe it when he says he'll call us in the morning.

I'm scared, Doc. I mean, I hear what known-buffoon Rush Limbaugh is saying, that McCain isn't a real Republican. That he's betrayed the values of the party to seduce liberal journalists. But like the rest of this country, I just want to believe again, Doc. George W. wants to give people financially in the top 15 percent of this country another tax cut. Cripes! Why nominate another rich white guy who just wants to take care of his own while everyone else continues to struggle? McCain won't buy into it and Republicans are losing their minds! Didn't they learn anything from the ridiculously stupid Reagan years? Bush is just another Reagan groupie, Doc! We made the 80s go away for a reason, and it wasn't just Jon Bon Jovi.

Doc, I don't get it. The Republican governor, George Pataki even tried to keep McCain off the ballot in New York A WEEK before he won the New Hampshire election.

Al Gore is about as exciting and inspiring as a trip to the dentist and Bill Bradley is disappearing faster than Puff Daddy. John McCain tells it straight and has a sense of humor, Doc. He's not a phony. McCain has said he wouldn't favor repealing Roe vs. Wade and he thinks the Confederate Flag hanging in the South Carolina state capital is a "symbol of racism and slavery." People are responding and old, white, rich men are losing their mind, and grip, on things. Check me for a fever, Doc. It just doesn't seem right. Is John McCain really making this election about personality, trust and issues instead of ass kissing, big money and political power?

—Kevin Van Valkenburg

Guest Column

Athletics Department faces third and long

Column by
Wayne Hogan

Almost five years ago I was lucky enough to be asked to become the Athletic Director here at the University of Montana. Coming from a campus of nearly 30,000 students at that "football factory" called Florida State University, I was immediately impressed by the role of the intercollegiate athletics program and its acceptance into the mainstream of the university. I have always found it refreshing that there is still a college campus where academics and athletics not only coexist quite nicely, but actually complement each other so well.

This was not entirely the case at Florida State, nor is it the norm at many institutions with which I am familiar. With major college programs generating tens of millions of dollars annually, stadiums seating 80,000, fans and football coaches signing multi-million dollar contracts, there is little attachment to the campus as a whole.

But not here. Not at Montana. Here it has always been "Up with Montana."

All for one, and one for all. I was here only a short while before realizing that I had left a program that supported 14 intercollegiate sports on an annual budget of \$26 million. I had taken over a program that supported the same 14 sports on a budget of \$6 million. Even so, Grizzly sports provide a \$30 million economic impact to the community and countless benefits to the fund raising, enrollment and alumni efforts of the university. It is the heart and soul of our social lives and its notoriety and media coverage provide a window through which the world sees our campus.

Lately, however, as shortfalls and budget cuts have been center stage at UM, this old Southern boy has learned quickly about the volatility and sometimes fleeting campus-wide popularity of an athletic program that must rely on state funding for a substantial portion of its existence.

Almost overnight, and because of factors mostly beyond our control, our \$6 million athletic budget has reached \$7 million. Administrative priorities such as the renovation of the Adams Center, full compliance with gender equity and the pressure to contend for national championships in football have established the cost of doing business with little wiggle room.

Even with generated revenue streams of ticket sales, donations and corporate advertising bulging at an all-time high and the vital sup-

port of student fees providing some much needed income, it has become apparent that this athletic program — already operating as lean as allowable under NCAA rules to remain Division I — will be in need of additional funding and support. Within the last six months, athletics, in concert with the UM Foundation, has launched its first major gifts campaign. It has been met with great early success.

However, continued success and campus impact can not be assured unless there is ongoing commitment to acknowledge the importance of athletics at the Division I level as a vital part of the university. Student fees currently provide about \$600,000 annually for the support of intercollegiate athletics. The \$60 per-year fee seems a good buy when compared to the average yearly student athletic fee at all 1-AA schools nationally, which is more than double at \$144.

Our student fee has remained the same since its inception in 1994. Perhaps some type of indexing of the fee could be discussed during the coming months. State general fund support for athletics at UM is slightly more than \$2 million annually. This level also has remained roughly flat for at least six years. Thankfully it is somewhat less than the \$3.4 million state dollars afforded to

athletics at Montana State University. This discrepancy is directly related to our athletic success and ability to generate more of our own revenue. It should be comforting to know that our academic programs conceivably see about \$1.4 million annually more than MSU as a result of our winning sports programs and fan support. And even more significantly, an adjustment last summer to the funding model as determined by the Commissioner of Higher Education injected athletics into its formula for the first time. Partly because of the imbalance in athletics general fund spending at the two institutions, more than \$1.2 million new dollars are being re-assigned from MSU to UM. At this time, none of those new dollars has been committed to athletics and presumably will assist academic programs.

It's not hard to see an infusion of millions of dollars into campus-wide programs as a result of our athletic success, not to mention the tens of millions of intangible benefits. It is the hope here that we can maintain the longstanding partnership between academics and athletics, even when times get tough and money gets tight.

—Wayne Hogan, Director of Athletics

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OPINION

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Letters to the Editor

Hitch at ball handled well

Last weekend, Feb. 4 and 5, the 83rd annual Foresters' Ball took place in the Schreiber Gym. Everything was running smoothly when someone broke into the drama department connected to Schreiber Gym and pulled the fire alarm. After putting my heart and soul into the Foresters' Ball for an entire year, it is incredibly frustrating and disappointing to see someone ruin everyone's evening by pulling a fire alarm and causing a potentially dangerous situation. I wish whoever pulled that fire alarm had more respect for everyone who attended the ball and for everyone who helped put it together.

I don't think many people understand the tremendous amount of time and effort it takes to put on the Foresters' Ball. The Foresters' Ball is an amazing event, which is produced every year by the Forestry Student Association. The Foresters' Ball completely transforms Schreiber Gym into an 1860s logging town, complete with a chow hall, bank, church, general store, and bar. This year we also built a slide that travels from the track down to the dance floor.

It takes the entire year to organize the Foresters' Ball. The Foresters' Ball is supported by thousands of man hours, hundreds of people and a huge amount of donated material such as wood slabs from log

home manufacturers, building supplies from local businesses, 250 pounds of nails, hundreds of poles, 400 decorative Christmas trees, and four dump truck loads of wood chips.

Why do we go through all this trouble to build the Foresters' Ball? We do it for the community, for the university, for a great tradition and most of all because we love to do it.

Even though an immature person attempted to disrupt a year's worth of work for five minutes of "fun," we dealt with the situation perfectly. I would like to commend the quick and precise reaction of workers at the Ball to get everyone safely out of the gym. There is no other crew I can trust and depend on more than the University of Montana's Forestry Club to successfully complete a hard job. Thank you for a wonderful 83rd Foresters' Ball.

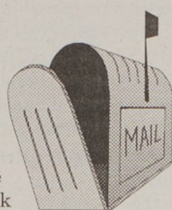
Shannon Connolly
Chief Push
83rd Annual
Foresters' Ball

Bookstore's online business shaky

Thumbing through the Kairmin today in the hopes of finding hidden job opportunities, I ran into the article, "Bookstore's Online Sales Off to Slow Start." I, for one, would not be too surprised by such an occurrence. Both my roommate and I took advantage of the online opportunity that The Bookstore promised,

as we both spent the entire break at home and wanted to be on top of book sales this semester. We both had irritating problems with the online process. My roommate tried to cancel her first order and create a second one, but temporarily ended up with both orders and a horrendous charge on her credit card. After repeatedly asking for my books to be shipped, my order just up and disappeared. When we finally located my order, two crucial books were on back order. However, I suppose my real problem with the online system is the fact that there appears to be only one person on the entire Bookstore staff who is capable of answering online questions and she is very difficult to get a hold of. Now, it could be that my bitterness stems from my desperate need for a job and The Bookstore's obvious need for more help, but I will continue to fight the crowded isles of books rather than shop online for some time to come.

Hillary Young,
Social Work



Wednesday, February 9, 2000

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Wednesday, Feb. 9: Malpractice Risk Management for Mental Health Professionals: A Families First Continuing Education Workshop for Professionals. 8:45 a.m. - noon, at the Holiday Inn Parkside. Presented by C.W. King, ACSW. Call 721-7690 to pre-register. Co-sponsored by the University of Montana Practical Ethics Center.

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Families First and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Department of Human Resources Development. Call 721-7690 for more information.

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Lies

ate my homework' bit. It is amazing how many computers break down right at paper deadlines."

Rebecca Kelley, a freshman foreign language major, used her stomach to get her out of a paper.

"I've pulled the 'oooh my stomach' line," Kelley said. "That is how I got out of that one paper."

However, not all excuses are formed from thin air. In fact, many professors, like Fritz, give students the benefit of the doubt, or simply don't question.

"In a big class, I usually don't even ask for legitimate excuses. I just give a make-up exam," Fritz said.

McGlynn dissects an excuse and usually asks for evidence, just to make sure, but most times, he simply takes what he gets. However, McGlynn recalls a situation he simply couldn't question.

"Students have lives. Things happen, and I'm willing to give make-up exams," McGlynn said. "I had one student who said, in one semester, that he had to go to his uncle's, his grandmother's and his grandfather's funerals. That seems proposterous, but he had certificates from all three funeral homes. He just had a bad semester."

Jim Lopach, UM political science professor, said he stumbles across excuses often,

but not because students are being irresponsible.

"Increasingly, I see students with tremendous pressure on them with jobs and family obligations," Lopach said. "A lot of their excuses reflect these pressures they are dealing with."

There is a fine line between genuine and non-genuine excuses, however, and Jim Scott, associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, is one person who has to find that line. As associate dean, Scott deals with the drop/add slips students scramble to get signed before the deadline has passed. Mostly, what Scott deals with are petitions to drop a course after the initial deadline and before finals week. Students struggling in the class have the option to withdraw, but only with a legit excuse as to why they are requesting withdrawal. There are four boxes on the petition slips stating the reason for withdrawal: conflicting work schedule, family emergency, health reasons or no evaluation before withdrawal.

"Our job here is basically to look at what the reason is that has been checked and to look at the documentation. If things seem to be sound and reasonable, and more often than not, the dean's office checks the box that says, 'approved,'" Scott said. "Where we do a little bit more work is that there are a

number of times when something seems to be wrong with the petition."

Something wrong could include a reason not acceptable, such as car breakdowns hindering the student from attending class, Scott said, or simply an excuse that seems just a tad amiss. For instance, if students say they have a conflicting work schedule, the office will in fact check with employers or ask for documentation.

"There are times when there is a note from employer scrawled on the back of a napkin or something, we'll simply call and ask if 'Mary Smith' is waiting tables," Scott said. "Sometimes we find out that is not the case. We don't do it all the time, but when we do it, we are usually right about something being wrong."

The punishment for lying on such documents varies, said Scott. If there is no intent to deceive, just misunderstanding, the penalty most likely will be a warning or denial of withdrawal. However, forging a signature to get out of a class, or telling a fib as to why a student needs to withdraw could lead to suspension or expulsion under the Student Conduct Code.

However popular giving an excuse may be, some students simply refrain from justifying their absences at all, taking the blame and the conse-

quences on themselves.

"This isn't high school anymore. We can just do what we want," said Cory Gunterman, forestry sophomore. "If we don't wanna go, it's a waste of our money."

Students don't lie only at school, however. Off campus there is plenty of fibbing fodder.

Patrick Leary, accounting junior, is no longer underage, but admits to using a "legit" fake ID to waltz into the smoke, the lights and the bumping bass of Missoula's bars.

Freshman Somer Hahm said she too just "walks in" without showing ID. Neither student feels guilty.

"I'm just having a good time, and spending money. It's not anything bad," Hahm said.

"No, I never felt remorseful," Leary said. "That was more scamming than a lie. I didn't necessarily violate anyone's trust, and that is what I think a lie is."

Leary says he never lies but he does scam, especially when a free movie is the reward.

"I sneak into movie theaters. If you just walk in like you know what you're doing — act like you see someone you know — it works pretty well," Leary said. "So sneaking into the movie theater is my biggest scam, not really to save the money, but as a fun thing to do ... Yeah, it's a rush."



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


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Packers' Freeman sentenced for lying about accident that injured UM student

Greenbay wide receiver fined and ordered to community service for December car accident

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay Packers wide receiver Antonio Freeman was sentenced Tuesday to a year on probation after pleading no-contest to lying to police about a traffic accident that injured UM senior Heather Molloy.

Freeman was also fined \$1,000, ordered to pay \$315 in court costs and perform 50 hours of community service. He had faced a maximum pun-

ishment of nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine on a misdemeanor charge of obstructing police.

Circuit Judge William Griesbach also ordered the Packers wide receiver to pay Molloy's medical bills, which included treatment for a head injury in the December accident. The costs of her medical bills have not been determined, District Attorney John Zakowski said.

Freeman made no statement to the judge before he was sentenced, but told reporters after the hearing that he took responsibility for the accident.

"I regret dearly the accident that occurred back in December and I accept and

will cooperate with the consequences that have been given to me," Freeman said.

Freeman and wide receiver Charles Jordan were in separate cars Dec. 22, 1999, when Freeman's vehicle went over a curb and hit a light pole in the driveway of a restaurant, the Brown County Sheriff's Department said.

Freeman told officers he was a passenger in the other vehicle, authorities said. Brown County sheriff's deputies arrested Jordan on a charge of causing injury by operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

A witness later called authorities and told them Freeman had been in the vehicle that crashed, authorities said. Freeman then admitted he was driving the vehicle and that Jordan was a passenger in the other car, authorities said.

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Nate Schweber
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An Aber Hall resident attempted suicide Monday night, but her life was saved, partially because of a best friend in Bozeman.

The student, whose name is

withheld for confidentiality, tried to overdose on drugs to kill herself, according to UM Police Lieutenant Charles Gatewood. The woman then called her best friend in Bozeman on the telephone and told her what she had done.

The friend called the

Bozeman police, who then contacted got this sorted out, she'd driven her-

"By the time they got this sorted out, she'd driven herself to the hospital."

—Charles Gatewood
UM Police Lieutenant

police in Missoula.

Around midnight an ambulance, fire engine and police car arrived at Aber Hall, eyewitnesses said. They only stayed about 10 minutes because the person they came for had gone for help.

"By the time they

self to the hospital," Gatewood said.

Ron Brunell, Residence Life Director, said Residence Life has a close relationship with the Counseling and Psychological Services on campus and refers many residents to them. He wouldn't say what Residence Life would do in this specific situation, but added that it might be "a potential mental health problem."

The student is reported to be OK.

Former UM political figures taking to real world

Kaiser works for Baucus, and old foe Smedley tries his hand at state politics

Jason Begay
Montana Kaimin

Two one-time UM political rivals have created prosperous niches for themselves almost a year after graduating.

In the spring of 1997, Barrett Kaiser and Bryce Smedley launched campaigns for the seat of ASUM president. The competition was fierce, and though Smedley accused Kaiser of violating election rules, Kaiser won the presidency.

After that, both left UM with political experiences that shaped their respective careers. Kaiser now works with a U.S. senator and Smedley is currently campaigning for a seat on his state House of Representatives.

Last week, Barrett Kaiser, 1998 to 1999 ASUM president, was promoted to the post of Deputy Press Secretary with U.S. Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont). Kaiser started as a Legislative Correspondent in Baucus' office in August.

Because of his experience as ASUM president, Kaiser understands how the world of politics works, said Bill Lombardi, Baucus' communications director.

"He understands how people think, and more importantly he understands Montana," he said.

"There's no doubt about it," Kaiser

said from his Washington, D.C. office, "(ASUM) was excellent training. It told me that I wanted to be involved in politics. You get a sense of accomplishment that you're doing good."

During his ASUM presidency, Kaiser played a key role in lobbying for the UM student body at the state legislative session.

"He was in Helena at least on a

weekly basis," said Brad McCall, current ASUM senator and ASUM business manager under Kaiser.

"We was very good at motivating people and inspiring a common vision," McCall said.

Kaiser's new position has him writing press releases and news advisories, working with the Montana press and preparing speeches for the senator.

An unsuccessful ASUM campaign didn't stop Smedley from quenching his political tendencies. Smedley was a controversial environmental activist while he was at UM, and served as president of the Environmental Action Community. The one-time ASUM presidential candidate has moved to a new campaign — vying for the seat of State House Representative, District 73 Springfield, Ohio.

When the 24-year-old announced his

"There's no doubt about it, (ASUM) was excellent training. It told me that I wanted to be involved in politics. You get a sense of accomplishment that you're doing good."

—Barrett Kaiser
Former ASUM president

candidacy in December, the Springfield board of elections denied his request, citing Smedley as a non-resident-having lived and voted in Montana. A February lawsuit was decided in Smedley's favor.

"Basically I was picked on because I am young and because my platform is issues-based," Smedley said.

Smedley, one of three Republicans

running in the current one-party race, is using everything he learned during his ASUM election.

"I got to admit I owe a lot to Barrett," Smedley said. "I'm trying to apply a lot of the things he did during his campaign."

Smedley referred specifically to Kaiser's campaign to increase the number of UM and Missoula voters. Smedley helps organize Youth 2000, an Ohio group that has registered more than 1,000 voters.

By influencing the youth vote and tackling issues like unemployment

and the environment, Smedley is confident in the campaign's outcome.

"I think I stand a fairly good chance," he said.

"People like Barrett and myself encourage young people to run for positions in politics," Smedley said. "We're two people who are passionate about what they do."

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ASUM readies itself for fee debate

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The ASUM Senate will once again take on the touchy subject of student fees during its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday night.

While the issue of increasing the student orientation fee has been tentatively held until the Feb. 16 meeting, the senate will address the need for the current grade change fee.

When a low grade is given, the student has the option of retaking the class for an evaluated grade point average. However, such students are charged a \$100 grade change

fee.

According to a resolution expected to be presented to the Senate, such a fee "is an unnecessary punishment for a low grade." The resolution also states that "this fee is excessive when a student is already paying to repeat a class."

The president's report will address the UM summer session and any changes made to the schedule of courses and

the number of classes being offered.

"I want to let the students know that there are going to be fewer classes," said Jessica Kobos, ASUM president. Fewer classes offered will result in fewer being canceled because of low registration.

"Students need to prepare accordingly. A lot (of students) depend on the summer session to finish their degree," Kobos said.



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Locker Room Talk

Do you think all UM teams should be called the Griz, or do you think the womens' teams should call themselves the Lady Griz?



I think the ladies' teams should call themselves the Lady Griz because it's a tradition.
Alesha Goldhahn, pharmacy, freshman



The women's team should be called the Lady Griz. It relies on the fact that they're women.
Debra McDonald, grad. student, broadcast journalism



I think they should be called the Lady Griz. It just fits them better than being the Griz.
Russell Nickerson, wildlife biology, senior

Rock hounds hanging out in new climbing facility

Missoula Rock Garden features myriad of climbing opportunities

Jennifer Sauer
for the Kaimin

The biggest indoor climbing gym in the Northwest is rocking Missoula, attracting UM students and other outdoor lovers in droves.

The Missoula Rock Garden, located on Broadway next to the Missoula Athletic Club, offers 17,000 square feet of climbing surface with lead climbing, belay climbing, top rope climbing and bouldering.

Jeff Shapiro, who manages the gym with his wife Kara, said, "We drove to a bunch of different gyms in Seattle, Oregon, Canada and Nevada to see what people liked and disliked."

The result, after four years of planning, is the largest indoor climbing gym in the Northwest. Built by a team of eight carpenters who also rock climb, it took 10 months and \$750,000 to complete.

About 140 people have joined the gym since its Jan. 15 opening.

"We've had a tremendous amount of interest," Kara said.

Rafael Grana, safety instructor and one of the builders, said the gym offers a variety of climbing for all ability levels. The climbs range in difficulty from 5.5 up to 5.13 on the Yosemite Decimal System.

Grana said they see about 50 percent experienced climbers and 50 percent inexperienced climbers. The gym is staffed equally by men and women in an attempt to make everyone feel comfortable, said Grana.

"It's a mellow place to learn," said Kara. "Weather conditions are always good!"

The gym looks a lot like the set from the children's show "Fraggle Rock," with brightly colored globes resembling play-dough stuck to gray walls and a two-story high, orange beam-like climbing structure.

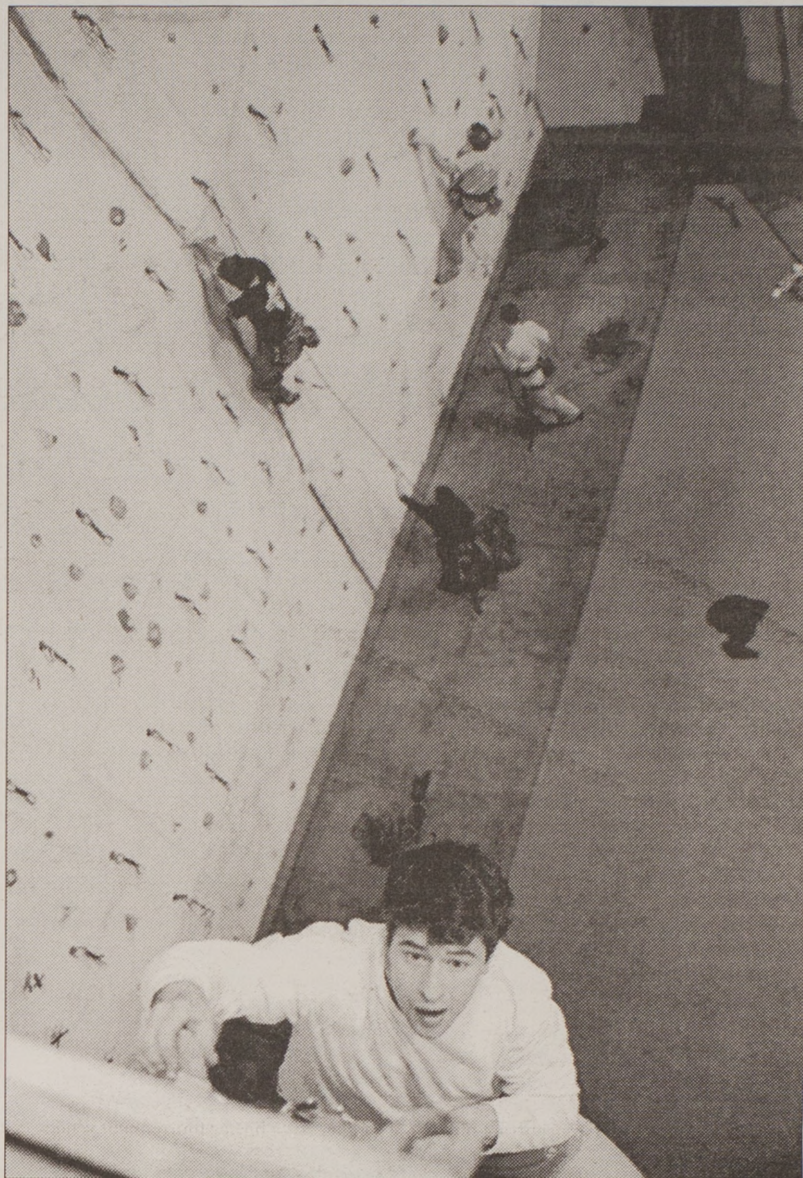
The gym features a "bouldering cave" to practice climbing at low heights without ropes. It also has walls for belay climbing and walls for the more difficult lead climbing.

In the middle of the climbing area sits a 55-foot high surface for top rope climbing. Called "the pinnacle," it offers climbs for all abilities, said Jeff.

"People are really intrigued by the pinnacle," said Kara.

Ben Miller, a UM senior, said he climbs indoors in the winter to keep in shape for the outdoor season.

"It works the same muscle groups and helps you practice your footwork. I'm here to prepare for being out there," Miller



Climber Steve Banda reaches the top of a 40-foot route at the Rock Garden Climbing Gym. The gym opened this past January and is offering special rates to UM students.
James V. Shipley/Kaimin

said.

Miller said the staff is friendly and knowledgeable.

"They have given me tips. They all get out there and do some crazy stuff."

Kara said they are expecting slower business in the summer as rock climbers head to the natural terrain of the Bitterroot Valley. However, not all climbers have the time to drive to a canyon, hike in, assemble their gear, rock climb and hike back out.

And Miller said he would continue his membership in the summer if his work schedule allows.

The Rock Garden offers a variety of

classes. Non-members can also participate in the classes. The fees range from about \$10-15, with slightly higher prices for non-members and equipment rental.

The club features a small shop with equipment and books about indoor and outdoor climbing. The Rock Garden rents shoes, harnesses, chalk bags and ropes for minimal fees.

Students can climb the walls at Missoula Rock Garden for \$8 with their Griz card. Membership fees vary.

The Rock Garden will hold a grand opening on Saturday, Feb. 12. There will be shoe demos, classes, clinics and a slide show from 5-7 p.m.

One point ends men's ski season

Casey Temple
Montana Kaimin

The men's and women's ski teams ended their seasons this past weekend, except seniors Garrett Hobbs and Jessica McMillan, who have qualified for regionals at Winter Park, Co. on Feb. 24-27.

The men's team failed to finish third in the meet by one point, which would have sent the team to regionals.

But Hobbs was chosen from the non-qualifying teams to compete in the United States Collegiate Ski Association giant slalom event in Winter Park.

Like the men, the women failed to qualify, but McMillan was chosen to represent the non-qualifying teams.

The Montana State men and women won the weekend's qualifying meet, which was based on how many top five finishes

each of the five schools had.

But despite not qualifying, senior Erik Nilsen believed it was the best performance of the season for UM.

"We had a lot of close finishes and with it being the end of the season, we are doing a lot better," Nilsen said. "A lot of skiers had their best performance this weekend."

But despite the performance, close just didn't cut it.

"We would have made it, we just didn't have consistent enough finishes," Nilsen said.

Though McMillan is disappointed that the teams didn't qualify, she is excited to be going to Colorado to represent UM.

"I'm really psyched to be going," McMillan said. "The University of Montana ski team is a fairly new (club) and it's great to get two individuals to advance to regionals."

Fighting Griz clobber Idaho

Ryan Divish
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana Fighting Grizzly hockey team picked up a victory and a tie against the University of Idaho to improve its record to 3-3-1.

Behind a hat trick from John San Marco and goals from Matt Flaig, R.J. Portmann and Brad Minster, UM trounced Idaho Friday night 12-3.

"It was the first game of the semester and I think we have improved," said team captain Tom Baker. "We've also got some new players and they helped us out by evening out our lines."

The Griz looked to complete the sweep Saturday, up 6-3 in the third period. But a five-minute major penalty for game misconduct and a two-minute minor for roughing three minutes later left the Fighting Griz down two men. Idaho capitalized on the Grizzly

loss scoring two goals in the power play.

With 11 seconds left, Idaho was able to sneak the next goal past Baker to tie the game at 6-6. The Fighting Griz were unable to answer.

Baker was particularly unhappy with the officiating of the game, noting that the Griz were called for nine penalties during the game compared to Idaho's three.

"The second night was obviously frustrating," Baker said. "The officiating wasn't all that great."

The Fighting Griz were once again led by San Marco, who collected another hat trick, as well as receiving goals from Flaig, Chris Doubek and Dan DeMezza.

The Fighting Griz will travel to Bozeman on Thursday to take on the Bobcats, and then return home to host Gonzaga on Friday and Saturday.

Boxing club knocking their socks off

Matt Thompson
Montana Kaimin

Mike Turcotte is a fighter. He's no Van Damme who has perfect pecs and can do acrobatic kicks. No, this fighter wears gloves, head gear, has bruises and scars and even works out in a hell hole that Rocky Balboa's coach would even be proud of.

Turcotte is a member and volunteer coach of the UM boxing club. The small group of 17 or so members makes up this motley crew that loves to sweat and beat the crap out of one another.

"It's kind of hard to believe we do this for fun," says three-year member Joe Johnson as he wobbled back onto the mat for another round of sparring.

Turcotte helped resurrect the once proud club in 1996 when he was a freshman. A boxer since 13, Turcotte wanted to start the sport that he had so much success in while in junior high and high school in Wolf Point, Mont. After taking a break for a few years, he missed the hard work and competition, something he has in common with the other boxers.

"You get back what you put into it," says Turcotte, who fights in the bantam weight class. "If you don't do your rope work, you don't train like you're supposed to, it shows in the ring. But it's the satisfaction of putting all that training in, two to three hours a day, and then getting in the ring and winning your fight."

Turcotte, along with heavyweight Jason Matovich, are the only boxers who can fight in open competition, meaning they can fight anyone who has fought in at least 10 fights. Boxers of lesser experience are considered novice fighters and only fight other novice boxers.

Turcotte has just returned from Boise, Idaho, where he competed in the regional Olympic Trials, but lost in the first round. Turcotte took this last year off from school and work to concentrate on

boxing. He was on a role, winning at the state, regional and national tournaments before he got his shot at the trials.

"There's not a lot of boxing in Montana," Turcotte says. "Most the guys I met already had 20 to 30 fights under their belts while I have to travel a lot just to get two."

Needing a break from boxing, he now comes down and helps other pugilists learn this highly technical and physically demanding sport.

"It's a non-varsity sport but pretty serious in nature," says Vick Rodriguez, who graduated from UM in the 1970's but comes back to help.

The club meets Monday through Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the wrestling room in the basement of the UM Rec Annex.

The air is thick. You can smell and taste every grunt the fighters make. Practices are supervised, but not really organized. As Turcotte says, there's no coach here to yell at them. The students who come in are highly motivated and hard working, Rodriguez said.

The boxers work on punching techniques, sparring and basic physical exercises such as push-ups and sit-ups.

"I'm definitely getting into shape," says Amanda Nordstrom, who is one of two girls who box for the club. "I missed the last couple weeks so I'm working my ass off now so I'll be ready for competition soon."

Nordstrom, along with other beginning fighters, are preparing for the upcoming state novice tournament sched-



Freshman Amanda Nordstrom whacks on a punching bag during a UM boxing club practice in the Rec Annex wrestling room Tuesday afternoon. The club is preparing for an upcoming tournament in two weeks.

uled for Feb. 26 in Hamilton. For most of these fighters, it will be their first real match.

Senior Dan Finney happened to walk by this fall and discovered the boxing club. He joined and has been training ever since.

"It's a good sport," Finney says. "It's a tough sport, but it's good workout at the end of the day. It's a great way to relieve stress and good for self-defense. It's definitely something I wanted to try while I had the time."

Turcotte is in the process of planning and promoting a tournament on the UM campus. He is shooting for mid-March, but says it is hard to organize an event like that without the help of ASUM or the university. The club finally received some

funding this year, but hopes to get even more funding to buy uniforms.

"I think it is a good club because there are a lot of people here who are committed," Finney says. "We've got Jason, Mike and Vick all helping us out and they're not compensated for their time. They just volunteer. It's a nice service they're offering."

Turcotte, as well as other UM boxers, would love to see the club expand and become a major club sport at UM. Finney thinks anybody can enjoy boxing, but realizes there is an element of craziness that goes along with it.

"It's probably like football or hockey in the sense that it takes some guts to take on somebody who wants to knock your head off," Finney says.

NFL star Derrick Thomas dies of heart attack

MIAMI (AP) — Pro football star Derrick Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down less than a month ago in a car wreck on an icy road, died Tuesday. He was 33.

The Kansas City Chiefs line-backer, who held the NFL record of seven sacks in a single game, went into cardio-respiratory arrest, his doctors said in a statement at Jackson Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

A shaken Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham recalled telephoning Thomas at the Miami hospital from the Pro Bowl on Sunday in Hawaii, after seeing players and fans honoring

Thomas by wearing his number. Thomas had played in nine Pro Bowls but was not selected for this year's game.

"Derrick said, 'Coach, be strong.' He never told me how strong I needed to be," Cunningham said.

The Missouri Legislature paused for a moment of silence after Thomas' death was announced by state Sen. Bill Kenney, a former Chiefs quarterback. "Derrick Thomas was a true hero," he said.

Thomas was at the wheel of a car during a snowstorm on Jan. 23 as he and two friends headed

to the Kansas City airport to fly to St. Louis to watch the NFC Championship game. He lost control of the car and it overturned at least three times, police said.

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the vehicle. Tellis was killed and Thomas' spine and neck were broken. The third person in the car, who was wearing his seat belt, suffered only minor injuries.

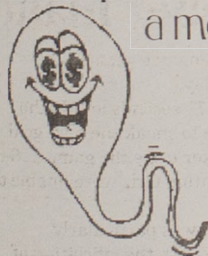
Thomas was brought to the hospital in Miami, his hometown, where doctors stabilized his spinal column with screws, rods

and hooks and grafted bone from his hip.

An All-American at Alabama, the 6-foot-3, 255-pound Thomas became an immediate star as a pass-rushing specialist after being taken in the first round of the 1989 draft. He was an All-Pro in his first nine seasons and ranked ninth on the all-time list with 126.5 career sacks.

He set the single-game sack record in 1990 in a game against Seattle. That game was the same week as Veterans Day and Thomas dedicated his performance to his father, an Air Force pilot killed in Vietnam

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Squirrels

takeover isn't the first time he's had to deal with wild animals during his 20 years working in the UC.

Three times there were bats inside the building. Strobel said the flying rodents came in at night when the delivery doors were open for concerts and catering. Also, there have been

numerous songbirds that have gotten in. Some people have even released their pet birds in the UC when they couldn't take care of them anymore.

"Some people think it's a good place to let them go," Strobel said. "But it's not; they'll die."

In the meantime, Strobel still has live squirrel traps set

out, baited with Pay Day candy bars. When caught, Strobel says he lets the fuzzy nuisances go on campus.

"I don't let them go right by the UC," Strobel says. "Because they might just come right back inside."

No squirrels could be reached for comment.

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accused of doing, but Staruch told the Kaimin last semester that he was kicked out of the store after getting upset when someone cut in front of him in line.

Commenting on the outcome, Marks said, "The disability stuff doesn't work as an

absolute defense for any kind of behavior. Rather, it's an issue of Tom being treated fairly."

According to the report only two other people have ever been banned from the UC Market. A man named Ben (last name unknown) was "banned for harassing customers about their sexual orientation," while former student David Glass "was banned for harassing staff about expiration dates and product size."

Staruch said that he is undecided about taking any further action at this point.

"The best thing that I could do (now) is keep away from the UC," said Staruch. "I think I will avoid it permanently."

Instead, he says he just uses the Country Store in the Lodge.

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